



## CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Discussion of Ambulance Rate Adjustments

MEETING DATE: February 17, 1993

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council hear a presentation regarding the method of setting the County of San Joaquin ambulance rate ceiling, and provide input to the County as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Last spring the City Council heard a presentation regarding the adoption by the County Board of Supervisors of the adjusted ceiling for ambulance rates which may be charged throughout the County by ambulance service providers. At that time the City Council requested the opportunity to provide input, if deemed appropriate, to this process. Attached (Exhibit A) is a copy of a letter from Ms. Elaine L. Hatch, the County's Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, addressing this matter. Ms. Hatch will be in attendance at Wednesday night's meeting.

FUNDING: None required

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Peterson  
City Manager

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Attachment

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THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager



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EXHIBIT A

San Joaquin

Emergency Medical Services Agency

A Division of Health Care Services

February 3, 1993

Thomas A. Peterson, City Manager  
City of Lodi  
Call Box 3006  
Lodi, California 95241-1910

Dear Mr. Peterson:

As you are aware, San Joaquin County has an ambulance ordinance, which includes a provision to regulate ambulance rates charged in the County by setting a ceiling. These rates are reviewed annually by the Board of Supervisors, following an analysis conducted by emergency medical services agency staff. Last year, I requested your input on ambulance rates, prior to presenting staff's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Your input is requested for our analysis this year.

Please give me a call at 468-6818 if you have specific comments on the ambulance rate structure. I will be discussing the issue with the ambulance providers in the next month.

Sincerely,

Elaine L. Hatch  
EMS Coordinator

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cc: Michael N. Smith, Director, Health Care Services

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# HISTORICAL REVIEW OF AMBULANCE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

	10/85	10/87	%In	5/88	%Inc	6/89	%Inc	6/90	%Inc	5/91	%Inc	8/92	%Inc
ALS Base	\$288	\$331	15%	\$356	8%	\$375	5%	\$420	12%	\$470	12%	\$484	5%
BLS Base	\$120	\$138	15%	\$148	7%	\$170	15%	\$236	6%*	\$265	12%	\$278	5%
Emerg	\$ 37	\$ 43	16%	\$ 46	7%	\$ 46	0%	*	--	\$ 55	--	\$ 58	5%
Night	\$ 37	\$ 43	16%	\$ 46	7%	\$ 46	0%	\$ 50	9%	\$ 55	10%	\$ 58	5%
Oxygen	\$ 23	\$ 26	13%	\$ 28	8%	\$ 30	7%	\$ 33	10%	\$ 37	12%	\$ 39	5%
Mileage	\$ 7	\$ 8	14%	\$8.60	8%	\$8.6	0%	\$ 9	5%	\$ 10	11%	\$10.50	5%
Standby	\$ 46	-- no longer set fees for standby services											

\* Emergency became part of BLS base rate in 1990; therefore, the increase calculated for 1990 BLS Base rate reflects actual increase without the emergency charge included. The ALS Base rate already includes an emergency charge.

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